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SUBJECT: BRAZIL/FRG NUCLEAR ACCORD

REF: BRASILIA 4641 (NOTAL)

1. S&T COUNSELOR/ERDA SCIREP WILCOX HAPPENED BY CHANCE TO ENCOUNTER BRAZILIAN CNEN MEMBER REX N. ALVES IN HOTEL LOBBY IN SANTIAGO ON JUNE 10. ALVES WELL KNOWN TO WILCOX AS PREVIOUS HEAD CNEN DOSIMETREY LAB WHEN WILCOX POSTED IN RIO AS AEC SCIREP. ALVES WAS TRAVELLING AS MEMBER WSCOLA SUPERIOR DE GUERRA CLASS AND VISITING NUCLEAR AND OTHER FACILITIES ARGENTINA AND CHILE.

2. WHEN SUBJECT OF FRG/BRAZIL ACCORD CAME UP, ALVES CLAIMED IGNORANCE OF RECENT NEGOTIATIONS (HE HAD LEFT RIO IN LATE MAY) BUT DID MINIMIZE ITS IMPORTANCE. HE SEEMED THINK, IN FACT, THAT PERHAPS ONLY ONE REACTOR WOULD BE PURCHASED AND THAT THERE WAS GOOD LIKELIHOOD 3RD REACTOR IN BRAZIL
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3. COMMENT: WE RECOGNIZE THAT ALVES AS CNEN MEMBER MAY NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THINKING OF THOSE WHO ARE CALLING SHOTS ON SUCH MATTERS IN BRAZIL TODAY. NONE-THELESS, HE IS VERY CLOSE TO DE CARVALHO AND SHOULD BE AWARE OF TREND OF DEVELOPMENTS AT NUCLEBRAS AS WELL. WILCOX ALSO SENSES, FROM RECENT CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON, THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE BILATERAL-TYPE UMBRELLA ONLY AND THAT MUCH HARD NEGOTIATION REMAINS AHEAD ON EACH AND EVERY SPECIFIC PROJECT REACTOR(S); ENRICHMENT PLANT; CHEM PROCESSING PLANT, ETC. THAT SUCH NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IS NO FOREGONE CONCLUSION WHATSOEVER (AT LEAST IN OUR VIEW) AND BOTH USG AND U.S. SUPPLIERS WOULD, WE THINK, BE WELL ADVISED TO KEEP THEIR EAR TO THE GROUND FOR POSSIBLE OPENINGS AS TIME GOES BY. AS ACTING ARGENTINE CNEA PRESIDENT BANCORA PUT IT IN RECENT VERY GENERAL DISCUSSION RE THE JET NOZZLE-TYPE ENRICHMENT PLANT, AND THINKING PROBABLY OF ATUCHA I ALSO, IT SEEMS THAT THE GERMANS HAVE BECOME AWFULLY GOOD AT SELLING UNPROVEN THINGS ABROAD WHICH THEY THEMSELVES WOULD NOT BUILD AT HOME.

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